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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - RECALL OF U.S. AMBASSADOR TO
JAMAICA

REF: (A) KINGSTON 2418; (B) KINGSTON 2393

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT'S
NOON BRIEFING (IF ASKED BASIS) ON MONDAY, JULY 23 AND IS
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REPEATED TO ADDRESSEES FOR BACKGROUND ONLY. IF PRESS

INQUIRIES RECEIVED LOCALLY, POSTS MAY CONFIRM THAT GOJ HAS REQUESTED RECALL OF AMBASSADOR DE ROULET BUT SHOULD NOT COMMENT FURTHER.

2. Q: 1. CAN YOU CONFIRM THE REPORTS FROM KINGSTON THAT THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THE U.S. TO RECALL AMBASSADOR DE ROULET?

SUGGESTED REPLY: THE REPORTS ARE CORRECT. THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED FOR THE RECALL OF AMBASSADOR DE ROULET.

Q: 2. HOW WAS THE REQUEST MADE?

SUGGESTED REPLY: A DIPLOMATIC NOTE WAS DELIVERED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE BY THE JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR IN

WASHINGTON.

Q.: 3. WHERE IS AMBASSADOR DE ROULET NOW?

SUGGESTED REPLY: THE AMBASSADOR IS ON LEAVE IN THE UNITED STATES. (I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS PLANS.)

Q: 4. DOES THE AMBASSADOR'S RECALL INDICATE ANY SERIOUS CHANGE IN U.S.-JAMAICAN RELATIONS?

SUGGESTED REPLY: AS SECRETARY ROGERS SAID DURING HIS VISIT TO JAMAICA LAST MAY, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAMAICA HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY WARM AND WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THEM. WE NOTE THAT IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT PRIME MINISTER MANLEY INDICATED A CONTINUED INTEREST IN FOSTERING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

Q: 5. AMBASSADOR DE ROULET TESTIFIED BEFORE THE CHURCH SUB-COMMITTEE ON JULY 19 THAT HE MADE A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"DEAL" WITH THE OPPOSITION LEADER OF JAMAICA TO KEEP THE U.S. GOVERNMENT UNINVOLVED IN THE 1972 JAMAICAN ELECTIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR ASSURANCES THAT HIS PARTY WOULD NOT MAKE THE NATIONALIZATION OF THE HALF BILLION DOLLARS IN U.S. BAUXITE INVESTMENTS A CAMPAIGN ISSUE. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THIS TESTIMONY?

SUGGESTED REPLY: DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HURWITCH
LATER TOLD THE SUB-COMMITTEE THAT NO DEAL WAS EVER
MADE WITH EITHER JAMAICAN POLITICAL PARTY AND
NONE WAS EVER CONTEMPLATED. IN FACT, MR. MANLEY'S
PEOPLES NATIONAL PARTY WAS ALREADY ON RECORD AS
BEING OPPOSED TO NATIONALIZATION LONG BEFORE
THE BEGINNING OF THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN.

Q: 6. WHY THEN DID THE AMBASSADOR SAY THAT A
DEAL HAD BEEN STRUCK?

SUGGESTED REPLY: AS STATED ABOVE, NO DEAL WAS MADE,
NONE WAS INTENDED NOR WAS ANY REALLY POSSIBLE.
FOR OUR PART, I CAN SAY CATEGORICALLY THAT WE HAD
NO INTENTION OF INVOLVING OURSELVES IN THE JAMAICAN
ELECTIONS. ON THE JAMAICAN SIDE, MR. MANLEY'S
PARTY WAS ALREADY ON THE PUBLIC RECORD AS BEING
OPPOSED TO NATIONALIZATION OF EXISTING BAUXITE
INVESTMENTS. THERE WAS NOTHING TO "DEAL" ABOUT. RUSH

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